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GERALD A. AND LYNN W. ROEHM

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Mr. MCCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

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REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6978]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 6978) for the relief of Gerald A. and Lynn W. Roehm, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant to the minor adopted children of United States citizens the status of nonquota immigrants which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of United States citizens.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiaries of the bill are twins who were born in Germany on May 10, 1951, and who have been adopted by Capt. and Mrs. John F. Roehm, who are citizens of the United States.

Congressman Hugh B. Mitchell, the author of the bill, submitted to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives the following information in connection with the case:

AFFIDAVIT

Following is the personal background data on John F. Roehm, Doris G. Roehm, Gerald Anthony Roehm, and Lynn William Roehm.

John F. Roehm

Born December 16, 1921, at Seattle, Wash. Parents Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Roehm of 4515 Thirty-first Avenue West, Seattle, Wash.

Attended Lawton Grade School, Seattle; Queen Anne High School; University of Washington. Graduated 1948.

Member Troop 85 Boy Scouts, 1932–40

Religious preference: Protestant.

Military service: March 1942 to September 1945, pilot, South Pacific; November 1949 to date, United States and Germany.

Civilian employment: Lewis W. Roehm, C. P. A., Seattle; Seattle Star, newspaper; United Parcel Service, 85 University Street, Seattle.

Married Doris Gladys Hankin, September 17, 1946.

Profession: Accountant.

Sisters: Mrs. Harold Thorson, 1137 West Fifty-eighth Street, Seattle; Mrs. Walter Jacobs, 337 Eighteenth North, Seattle.

Brother: Mr. Robert W. Roehm, Venata, Oreg.

Doris G. Roehm, nee Doris Gladys Hankin

Born July 3, 1925, Glen Devie, Tasmania, Australia.

Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Hankin, 27 Myrtle Street, Stanmore, Australia.

Grade, high-school equivalent, and business college in Tasmania and New South Wales, Australia.

Religious preference: Protestant.

Civilian employment in United States: Helsell, Paull & Fetterman, attorneys, Seattle, Wash., legal secretary.

Jean S. Perkins, attorney, Denver, Colo.

Naturalized United States citizen, November 17, 1950. Certificate No. 6057825.

Married John F. Roehm, September 17, 1946.

Profession: legal secretary.

Sisters: Miss Sheila E. Hankin, 27 Myrtle Street, Stanmore, Australia; Mrs. Reg Dodman, 3 Willock Avenue, Miranda, Australia.

Lynn W. Roehm, Gerald A. Roehm, twins.

Born May 10, 1951, at Marburg Lahn, Germany.

Taken in our home October 26, 1951, at the age of 5½ months. Adoption approved by United States authorities in January 1952 and by German authority in March 1952.

In addition to children's physical condition indicated on initial examination contained in enclosure No. 2, periodical medical check-ups have indicated excellent development and growth.

The undersigned swear that the above statements are true and correct to the best of their knowledge.

JOHN F. ROEHM,
DORIS G. ROEHM.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2d day of April 1952.

BRUCE M. PARKS,
Major, USAF, Assistant Staff Judge Advocate.

AVIATION MEDICAL DIVISION,
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE HOSPITAL,
WIESBADEN MILITARY POST, 495TH MEDICAL GROUP,
APO 633, USAF, November 29, 1951.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that on November 23, 1951, I examined for purpose of adopting the children, on which the following informations were supplied:

1. Child's original name: Manz, Wolfgang. Child's date of birth: May 10, 1951. Child's place of birth: Marburg/Lahn, Germany.

2. Child's original name: Manz, Klaus-Dieter. Child's date of birth: May 10, 1951. Child's place of birth: Marburg/Lahn, Germany.

To be adopted by:

Mother's name: Roehm, Doris G.; father's name: Roehm, Capt. John F.

Examination showed children whose apparent ages and physical features were consistent with the above information. The children appeared to be healthy and free of physical defects, and to be developing normally.

X-ray of chest and long bones and blood tests for venereal diseases were normal.

From a medical standpoint, the children appeared suitable for adoption.

JOSEPH C. CULLINA,
Captain, USAF, MC.

[Translation from the German]

CONCLUSION

The agreement of adoption of November 12, 1951—Document File No. 636/1951 of the Notary Valentin Senssfelder in Bad Homburg—according to which the couple John Fisher Roehm, United States Air Force captain, and Doris Gladys Roehm, nee Hankin, now of Wiesbaden, have adopted the children Wolfgang and Klaus-Dieter Manss, born on May 10, 1951, in Marburg on the Lahn, legally represented by the Municipal Youth Welfare Office of Bad Homburg, this being represented by welfare official Anni Müller, Bad Homburg, is herewith legally certified.

This certification is given based upon the approval of the Commander in Chief, European Command, Heidelberg, of January 4, 1952.

The conclusion is legal.

Wiesbaden, March 23, 1952.

DISTRICT COURT, DEPARTMENT 4B,
(Signed) SCHREIBER, District Judge (Female).

Executed: Wiesbaden, March 26, 1952.

(Signed) WÜST,
Assistant at the Law Office,
Official Document Clerk at the Office of the District Court.

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(DISTRICT COURT, WIESBADEN 19).

Certified true translation:

NANCY BRIGITTE MATERN,
USAFE, Office of the Air Judge Advocate.

HEIDELBERG, GERMANY, *January 4, 1952.*

CERTIFICATE OF CONSENT ISSUED PURSUANT TO UNITED STATES HIGH COMMISSIONERS LAW NO. 6, AS AMENDED

The Commander in Chief, European Command, consents that the appropriate German courts may assume jurisdiction in the case of Wolfgang Manss and Klaus-Dieter Manss, minor twin brothers, to be adopted by Capt. John F. Roehm and Mrs. Doris G. Roehm, his wife.

DAMON M. GUNN,
Colonel, JAGC, Judge Advocate.

[Translation]

Record Nr. 636/1951

BAD HOMBURG, *November 12, 1951.*

Before the undersigned notary, Valentin Senssfelder, at Bad Homburg, appeared today;

(1) Miss Anni Müller, social worker at Bad Homburg, acting by official authority as representative of the town youth office, Bad Homburg, the latter being the ex officio guardian of the twins, Klaus-Dieter and Wolfgang Manss, now at the local children's home, Bad Homburg, born on the 10th of May 1951.

(2) Mr. John Fisher Roehm, Captain, United States Air Force, and his wife Mrs. Doris Gladys Roehm, nee Honkin, 19 Galalea Street, Wiesbaden.

Miss Müller is personally known to the notary. Mr. and Mrs. Roehm were introduced by Miss Müller.

They concluded the following contract of adoption:

Mr. and Mrs. Roehm adopt the two children, Klaus-Dieter and Wolfgang Manss, as their own children.

The children will carry the names Gerold Anthony Roehm and Lynn William Roehm without any further addition.

Mr. and Mrs. Roehm have been married on the 17th of September 1946, at San Francisco.

Mr. Roehm gives his conjugal consent to the declarations of his wife.

The act has been read, approved, and signed by those appeared as follows:

JOHN F. ROEHM,
DORIS G. ROEHM, NEE HANKIN,
ANNI MÜLLER,
[SEAL] SENSSFELDER, *Notary.*

Herewith, I certify that the above translation is a literal and correct translation of the German original contract of adoption.

Bad Homburg, November 21, 1951.

[SEAL) SENSSFELDER,
Notary.

[Translation from German "Certified true copy"]

CONSENT TO CHILD ADOPTION

Document file No: 601/1951

BAD HOMBURG, *October 26, 1951.*

Before the undersigned notary, Valentin Senssfelder, of Bad Homburg, appeared this day, Miss Lina Manss, Bad Homburg, v. d. H., 13 Burggasse, waitress of profession.

Miss Manss was introduced by the Bad Homburg Municipal Youth Welfare Office official, Miss Anneliese Bromme, also present in person.

Miss Manss declared:

I am the mother of the twins, Klaus-Dieter and Wolfgang Manss, born on May 10, 1951, in Marburg, now in Bad Homburg in the Municipal Small Infants' Home.

I consent to my children being adopted by a third party.

The declaration is given before the Municipal Youth Welfare Office as official guardian, before the court of law,and before the future adoptive parents.

The above report was read to Miss Manss, acknowledged by her and signed as follows:

(Signed) LINA MANSS.
(Signed) SENSSFELDER,
Notary.

Herewith I certify that the above is a true, verbatim copy of the original.

(Signed) SENSSFELDER,
Notary.

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VALENTIN SENSSFELDER,
Notary in Bad Homburg.

Certified true translation:

NANCY BRIGITTE MATERN,
USAFE, Office of the Air Judge Advocate.

AVIATION MEDICAL DIVISION,
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE HOSPITAL,
WIESBADEN MILITARY POST,
FORTY-NINTH MEDICAL GROUP,
APO 633, USAF, November 29, 1951.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the following-named persons were found this date to be physically qualified for the purpose of adopting a child:

1. Mrs. Doris G. Roehm.
2. Capt. John F. Roehm.

Chest X-rays and serological tests for venereal disease were normal.

ALBERT E. BAIR,
Captain, USAF (MC).

APO 633, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE,
December 5, 1951.

Subject: Recommendation concerning Capt. John F. Roehm, prospective adopter.
To: Military Post Adoption Board, Wiesbaden Military Post, APO 633, United States Air Force.

1. Reference paragraph 8a (7) EUCOM Circular 25 dated October 9, 1951, the undersigned has been professionally and socially associated with Captain Roehm for the past 11 months. Subject is an excellent officer and enjoys the respect of superiors and subordinates alike. Visits with Captain Roehm and his wife in their home indicated an atmosphere of harmony and dignity. The deep affection of this officer and his wife for the two infant children, whose adoption is being solicited, is undeniable.

2. Captain Roehm is considered highly suitable as an adopter.

R. J. DUVAL,
Lieutenant Colonel, USAF,
Twelfth Air Force Air Inspector.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,
Frankfort on the Main, Germany, November 30, 1951.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that from preliminary examination it would appear that Gerald Anthony and Lynn Willian Roehm (Wolfgang and Klaus Dieter Manas), both born May 10, 1951, in Marburg on the Lahn, Germany, qualify under the provisions of the immigration laws of the United States for immigration to the United States.

It should be distinctly understood that Gerald and Lynn are not eligible to receive consideration for special nonquota immigration visas to the United States under section 2 (f) of the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, as amended, inasmuch as one of the provisions of that act stipulates that the orphan children must have been residents of one of several countries, including Germany, prior to June 30, 1950, and Gerald and Lynn were not born until May 10, 1951. Therefore they are, unfortunately, not entitled to any preference or priority under current immigration laws and regulations. Should they be registered as intending immigrants on the quota waiting list, they would encounter an indefinite waiting period before their turn might be reached on the quota waiting list, due to the presently oversubscribed condition of the German quota.

JAMES P. PARKER,
American Vice Consul.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H. R. 6978) should be enacted.

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